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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND

Programme Consultancy and Support Services
(THA/80/005)

Report of the Administrator*

Date of present approval:	April 1980
Starting date of project activities:	May 1980
Planned completion date:	April 1982
To be executed by:	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Government implementing agency:	Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation (Office of the Prime Minister)
Estimated cost of assistance planned under present approval:	$273 000
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. For various reasons, the rate of implementation of the Second Country Programme has fallen below expectations during the first three years of the five-year programme period. The Government of Thailand is anxious to make full use of the UNDP resources available under the Indicative Planning Figure for Thailand, and therefore wishes to proceed with the formulation and implementation of enough new projects to ensure full utilization of the current IPF by the end of 1981. Several priority areas where UNDP assistance will be required have been identified, but they will require further investigation before full-scale project activities can be initiated.

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2. In view of the need to have new project commitments approved as soon as possible in order for their implementation to commence before the end of the current Country Programme period, it was decided that UNDP should provide for short-term consultants to assist with the formulation of such project proposals. For this purpose, the Government requested the assistance which has been approved under this project.

II. Objectives and activities

3. The immediate objectives of the project are to expedite the formulation of project proposals and project documents in the areas of established Government priority, as well as to undertake the technical appraisal of the project proposals. The main activities of the project will consist of the fielding of short-term project formulation and appraisal missions.

III. Inputs

4. UNDP will provide, through the Executing Agency, for: (a) 12 person/months of internationally recruited consultants; (b) the recruitment of national consultants, where required; and (c) the contracting of consulting firms, both international and national, for the purpose of undertaking the formulation and appraisal of project proposals. Secretarial and translation services will also be provided to support these missions.

5. The Government Ministry concerned will provide the personnel and data required for each mission. Where necessary, the Government will provide office accommodations and supplies to service each mission, as well as in-country transportation for the consultants.

IV. Financial data

6. The expenditure components of the planned assistance are as follows:

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Personnel	146 000
Subcontracts	120 000
Equipment	2 000
Miscellaneous	5 000
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